# CLERK TAKES CASH

Pennsylvania Railway Employe Also Accepts \$11,000 in Coal Stock.

JOSEPH BOYER TELLS STARTLING STORY

Coal Buyer for Railroad Gets Commission on All Purchases.

AMOUNTS TO \$46,000 IN THREE YEARS

He Says He Thought He Was Doing Nothing Unusual.

SUPERIOR DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF AFFAIR

Coal Officials Who Paid the Bonns Told Boyer They Had Been Doing it for Years and Wished to Continue.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6 .- That he accepted gifts of stock amounting to \$11,and money aggregating more than \$46,900 from coal mining companies during a period of about three years was ad- lice on the part of others. mitted today by Joseph Boyer, chief clerk in the office of A. W. Gibbs, superintendcompanies which allowed him from 3 to solute monopoly in the country. 5 cents on each ton sold to the railroad of the coal company officials told him he had paid it before and wanted to continue paying it to the witness. Mr. Boyer denied that he divided the money with any other official or employe of the railroad. He said he kept it all.

Superior Denies Knowledge. W. Gibbs, Mr. Boyer's superior officer, on the stand, said he was unaware that such considerations existed in his

Mr. Boyer said he was at first disinclined to accept the money, but after thinking it over decided that he was doing nothing unusual,

"How long did you wrestle with your conscience?" queried Commissioner Clem-

The witpess did not know. M. K. Reeves, assistant to Vice President Pugh, admitted that he had accepted stock from Colonel George S. Huff and David E. Williams. Colonel Huff, he purchased some of his holdings in the Keystone Coal and Coke company, paying him \$30,000 for it. Mr. Reeves stated that he has known Colonel Huff since boyhood and declared the latter knew he was not in a position to favor

him when the stock was presented. A number of employes of the Bultimore & Ohio railroad were examined during the afterough samion and the comm learn through J. E. Muhlfeldt, general superintendent of motive power, something of the arrangement between the railroad and the H. C. Frick Coal company concerning the repairing of

Mr. Muhlfeldt admitted that the Frick company had an advantage over other companies, but was unable to tell why He said it had been the pretice for the last ten years, but he did not know the terms of the agreement if one existed.

Boyer's Testimony in Detail. The Interstate Commerce commission toand employee to various mining companies in the bituminous coal district. The first witness was Joseph Boyer of Altoons, chief clerk in the office of A. W. Gibbs. superintendent of motive power.

Mr. Boyer said he had 200 shares of stock Coal company. The MacLaren stock was drove through the town and called on memgiven to him by Mr. Jamison. He also had ten shares in the Valley Coal company and fifteen in the Edri Coal company, which were presented to him by Captain Alfred Hicks. Ten shares of Preston Coal company stock were sent to him in an envelope He was not certain who sent it, but thought it must have come from Joseph Aiken, a railroad man, or H. A. Kuhn, an operator. All of these stocks paid dividends. Mr. Boyer said also that he holds an interest amounting to \$8,000 in undeveloped coal lands on the West Penn division. He paid

for this stock. In its entirety Mr. Boyer's testimony was of a startling character. His stock holdings were only a small portion of the gifts he admitted receiving from coal mining companies.

Rebate on Coal Bought.

In his capacity as purchaser of fuel coal he testified that he had received from five companies an allowance of from I to 5 cents a ten on coas used by the raffroad for fuel purposes. During the period from the latter part of 1998 to date he has received a total of more than The money was first sent to him in cash, but later cashiers' checks were sent to Cashier Hastings of the So. ond National bank of Alteona and placed deposit for Boyer. The companies which made him the allowance were the Graff Coal company, the Clearfield and Granton Coal company, the Dunkirk Coal company, Smith & Turner and Thomas Blythe & Co. The Graff Coal company allowed him 5 cents a ton and the Clearfield and Granton company gave him a share in the profits, which amounted to not less than 4 cents a ton. Thomas Blythe & Co.

He was asked why he discriminated in favor of Thomas Blythe & Co. and replied that he did not discriminate, as the money came to him without solicitation or any effort on his part. He believed that the money had been paid in the same manner to his predecessors in office and believed that he was only following the custom of the department.

# EGG INSPECTORS LOCKED OUT

Demand of Members of Chicago Union for an Increase in Wages

to Donted.

CHICAGO, June 6.-This city is using uninspected aggs today for the first time many years. All members of the egg inspectors' union who have been demanding an increase of wages were locked out day by their employers and all the egg houses in the city, with the exception of two, have agreed to make no terms with tthe union without the sanction of the association of employers. About 2,00,000 eggs to William J. here daily and today all

# Spooner Criticises Auti-Pass Section of Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5 .- When the conference report on the railroad rate bill OVER FIVE HUNDRED IN THE CLASS was taken up today the anti-pass conference amendment received the attention of Senator Spooner. In the main he indorsed the prohibition of passes, but he contended that there should, by exceptions, including railroad employes. Congress had no right, he said, to step between employes and ent-

Report.

ploye. "There is no sense in the provision as it stands," he said. 'The rallroads Five thousand members of the Modern should be allowed to perform the acts of Woodmen of America last night witnessed their families, and S

Senstor Lodge criticise or grounds on regular trains and on special trains the action of the confere or mittee in from Plattamouth, Lincoln and Plair, Beomitting the words "wilf. | know-sides the 4,000 or more members in Omaha ingly." from the penal claus to bill, turned out in force to welcome the visitors. | work a great injustice to raily. work a great injustice to rails. through inadvertence, careleasnes

the use of the word "wilfully," expressing a campaign made in this district by the ent of motive power of the Pennsylvania the opinion that if the retention of the different lodges, the work being under the railroad. Mr. Boyer purchased the fuel word is insisted upon it will be impossible direction of District Deputy C. H. T. Riecoal used in the locomotives of the com- to obtain a conviction. Senator Bailey pen. Five hundred candidates were secured Boone; junior vice commander, Thomas pany and the donors of the gifts were found fault with the omission of sleeping the coal companies which furnish the fuel car companies from the bill, saying that and by invitation the lodges at Plattamouth J. H. Hutchins, Hampton; chaplain, Rev. to the fallroad. Mr. Boyer named seven the sleeping car company is the only ab- and Louisville sent a class of sixty-five Jesse B. Bartlett, Shenandoah; delegate-

Senator Tillman gave notice that he He declared that he never would insist on the considerance of the asked for the allowance, but accepted it conference report tomorrow to the exclusbecause he believed he was following a lon of all other business and that he would custom of the department; in fact, one make an effort to get a vote before adjournment temorrow

ANOTHER. FILIBUSTER IN HOUSE

Democrats Object to Limit of Debate on Sundry Civil Bill. WASHINGTON, June 6.-The members of the minority of the house, believing that the majority had taken undue advantage in a turmoil. Later, when the sundry civil bill was taken up under the five- Hawes and Head Banker McNider of Maminute rule, but a few pages were com- son City, Ia., and a number of county and pleted when the house adjourned, much city officials who are members of the order. of the time being given over to a discus- One carriage contained visitors from Plattssion of the sale of the old custom house mouth, headed by Mayor Gering. in New York City and the payment of the rental to the National City bank. This of the camps in citizens clothes, headed by is a yearly occurrence, and the charges and denials were made.

### GERMAN RULER VISITS AUSTRIA Emperor William Greeted at Railway Station by Emperor Francis

Joseph. VIENNA, June &-Emperor William ar- those who had taken part in the procesrived here this afternoon and was greeted sion had passed inside. Admission to the at the Northern railroad station by Emperor Francis Joseph in person. The meet- the seats on the lower floor were occupied by extreme cordilality, the monarchs kissing each other three tors.

times. After introducing their suites the em-On their arrival at the station near the archdukes, the members of the German many and the principal military and civil while here. authorities. A regimental band on the platform played the Prussian national anday continued its investigations of the re. guard of honor, after which the monarchs lations of Pennsylvania railroad officers drove to the castle. They were cheered along the route. A number of archduchesses awaited their majesties at the with several humorous references to the castle, where the German emperor subsequently received in audience Count Golu- he declared he was a man who knew more chowski, the Austrian-Hungarian minister about Woodcraft than the republicans of of foreign affairs; Dr. Wekerle, the Hun- this county know about harmony. He in the Jamison Coal company, given to him garian premier, and Baron von Beck, the congratulated the members of the class for his one-third interest in the MacLaren Austrian premier. Later Emperor William bers of the Austrian imperial family.

#### SPEECH BY JUSTIC O'BRIEN New York Juriat Principal Speaker at Dedication of Knights of

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 6.-The Knights of Columbus dedicated their new national headquarters today, the exercises

Columbus Hall.

the building. A stand for the accommodation of several hundred knights and their friends was filled with an enthusiastic throng and the as the record for the state until tonight. speakers who referred to the ideals and it is fitting that the metropolitan city of achievements of Columbus and the past, the state should plant the banner of principal speaker was Justice Morgan J.

O'Brien of New York. The morning was taken up in the dis cuesion of insurances for the order, but It was stated afterward that nothing had

been definitely decided upon. At the banquet given to the members of the national council in Music hall tonight the speakers included United States Senator J. M. Gearin of Oregon, "The United States;" Joseph Scott, Los Angeles, Cal., "He Comes Out of the West."

#### SUIT AGAIN ROBERT A. GRANNIS Man Who Handled "Yellow Dog Fund" for Mutual Life Asked to Refund.

NEW YORK, June 6.- The Mutual Life Insurance company today brought suit against its former vice president, Robert A. Grannis, for an accounting of funds of the company which were expended under his direction.

Mr. Grannis is alleged to have directed the use of part of the so-called "yellow dog fund.

James McKeen, counsel for the Mutual, said that suits doubtless will be brought against all persons who handled the company's money and who have failed to give an accounting for it.

Leather Dealers End Session ST. LOUIS. June 6.—The final day of the 8T. LOUIS. June 6.—The final day of the convention of the National Leather and shoe Finders' association was devoted to a general resume of the subjects brought up for discussion since the convention began Monday and election of officers. The sessions are closed. T. W. Fugus, chairman of the executive committee stated that the convention has devoted its attention entirely to discussion of trade conditions and business methods.

Folk to Receive Brran.

Omaha Members of M. W. A. Establish New Record for the State.

Parade of Streets by Thousands is

Fellowed by Initiation at Auditorium, Where Addresses Are Made.

ommon humanity; it should be elastic." the initiatory ceremonies for a class of Mr. Spooner also spoke of the importance over 500, the largest ever taken into the of including the members of the railroad order at one initiation in the state. Head Young Men's Christian association as per- Consul A. R. Talbot of Lincoln was pressons entitled to passes, and Mr. Tillman ent and delivered the principal address to suggested that it was necessary to draw the class before the ceremonies began. the line somewhere. He would have the ex- Mayor Dahlman was one of the initiates ceptions limited to re-their families, and S tale presented Wielders of the ax. betel and wedge the same view. Wielders of the ax, betel and wedge on regular trains and on special trains was done to make them feel at home.

The initiation of the largest class ever Senator Rayner spoke especially a nest put through in the state is the result of

Parade in the Evening. As soon as the special train arrived the alternate, A. F. Haradon. delegations marched with flying banners a mile long, began to move at 8:30 under lain, Sadie James, Centerville, the direction of Major C. M. Richards. another fillbuster, and for two hours roll carriages with the speakers and prominent

> Following the carriages were members 1896 and discussed problems of the hour. same the Plattsmouth band. The procession passed through the principal streets and

initiatory ceremonies were put on. At the Auditorium. Attracted by the column of marchers

thousands of citizens lined the streets and watched and cheered the visitors. A part of the crowd followed the procession to the Auditorium and remained outside until Auditorium was by pass word only. All of and the gallery was fringed with

E. F. Brailey called the members to order and presided during the preliminary perors proceeded to Schoenbrunn castle. program. He introduced Mayor Dahlman who gave the visitors a cordial welcome castle the imperial party was met by the to the city. He told the Woodmen of the big-heartedness of Omaha people and embassy, the Austrian ambassador to Ger- told them mto make themselves at home

"We're glad you came to Omaha," he said, "and we hope you will come again. them. Emperor William inspected the The city is yours and if you should need any help call me up by telephone.

J. H. Van Dusen responded to the mayor's address. He entertained the crowd mayor. Referring to Head Consul Talbot. on their entrance into the order, which he said was the best fraternity and composed of the best men in existence. Head Consul Talbot was given the Woodmen honors by the entire audience standing, when he rose to speak.

## Hend Consul's Remarks "I am especially pleased," he said, "to

welcome into the order my old friend, Jim Dahlman, and I congratulate the order and the city of Omaha for his presence with us tonight.

"I am glad to say that this class breaks the record for the state of Nebraska. taking place on the green directly opposite Last winter at Lincoln we put through a class of 260 and that was then the record for one initiation. Later on we initiated another class of 370 and that has stood present and future of the order were Woodcraft twice as far up the mountaincheered frequently by the big crowd. The side as any other city in the state. Omaha should take the lead in all things."

Mr. Talbot's remarks were directed especially to the candidates. He declared the idea of old line insurance companies has been to run for the benefit of the few, while the fraternal orders were conducted for the benefit of the thousands of the rank and file of the membership.

Initiatory Rites. The initiatory rites, which took place immediately after the addresses, were put said: on by the Grill team from Omaha camp No. 120. The initiatory officials were: J. O. Lincoln, banker, E. Pearman of Kansas

City, escort. The members of the drill team were in the regulation uniform of blue trousers and black shirt and all carried axes. The from a telegram of today that the Mexican ceremonics did not end until after mid- government is able to control the situanight. Many of the out-of-town Woodmen tion." remained in Myrtle hall, which had been secured for the purpose, until their trains

departed early this morning. it was an unqualified success. The number of candidates was somewhat larger than had been expected.

A hustlers' banquet for the members of the committee that canvassed for names will be held tonight at the Millard hotel. Those who earned hustlers' buttons by securing a certain number of new members inent members of the order are expected

Hermann's Trial Postponed.

# RATE BILL UP IN SENATE WOODMEN MAKE A BIG NIGHT COLONEL CLARK IS COMMANDER AT SEA OVER INSPECTION

lows Grand Army of the Republic Selects Cedar Rapids Man for Their Leader.

BOONE, Ia., June & -(Special Telegram.) -Today was a great day for the veterans of Iowa. There were between 8,000 and 10,000 people from all parts of the state, coming on special trains from all directions. Governor A. B. Cummins addressed the Grand Army briefly, expressing his appreciation of the work it did.

While here he laid the cornerstone of the new \$15,000 Railroad Young Men's Christian association building, to which the Northwestern Railway company contributed \$6,000 and the site, making an appropriate address and paying a high compliment to the work of the Christian organization

The morning meeting was addressed by afternoon there was a parade in which over 1,000 veterans joined, while equally as many more watched the march of their old comrades. They were reviewed by Department Commander Harper, Lieutenant Governor John Herriott and other officials of various organizations. Following the parade there was the usual

usiness session of the Grand Army. The contest for department commander was between Colonel Charles A. Clark of Cedar Rapids and Hon, A. F. Haradon of Marshalltown. Colonel Clark was elected by a substantial majority, Other officers were chosen as follows:

Benior vice commander, P. D. Swick, in Douglas, Washington and Sarpy counties. Graham, Decorah; medical director, Dr. to be given the degree at the same time. at-large to national Grand Army of the Republic encampment. Grenville M. Dedge;

The Women's Relief corps elected the to Nineteenth and Farnam streets, where following officers: Department president, the parade was formed. The Plattsmouth Addie Unangst, Davenport; senior vice crowd made an imposing appearance on president, Mary A. Sargeant, Boone; junior the street, being headed by the Platts- vice president, Cornie Davie, Newell; treasmouth band. The procession, over a half urer, Jennie H. Trout, Des Moines; chap-

The Sons of Veterans elected the follow-The parade was headed by a squad of ing: Division commander. Frement 8 police and the Omaha musicians' band. Gibson, Mason City; senior vice com Following this were uniformed drill toams mander, A. C. Weeks, Denison; junior vice of them in limiting general debate on the from Plattsmouth, Lincoln, Blair and vari- commander, H. L. Garrison, Boone; memsundry civil bill to one hour, today started our Omaha camps. These were followed by bers of division council, John Rollins of Grinnell, Fred Hill, Clear Lake, A. L. calls and points of order kept the house visitors. Among these were Mayor Dahl- Rogers, Dubuque; delegates to national enman, Head Consul Talbot, Head Clerk campment, Rev. J. A. Vaness, Mount Vernon: John Rollins, Grinnell.

At the campfire tonight Senator Allen of Nebraska made the address of the evening, in which he paid a tribute to the veterans assembled, to the soldiers of

#### KEYSTONE REPUBLICANS MEET then marched to the auditorium, where the No Opposition to Slate Prepared in Advance of the Harrisburg

Convention. HARRISBURG, Pa., June 6.-The republican state convention met today in the Lyceum theater to naminate candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, auditor general and secretary of infernal affairs. Following the roll call. Congressman Olm-

Governor, Edward S. Stewart of Philadelphia; lieutenant governor, Robert S. in business outside of that for which they Murphy of Cambria county; auditor general, Robert K. Young of Tloga county; secretary of internal affairs, Henry Houck of Lebanon.

There was apparently no organized oppo sition to this ticket.

people on the prosperity of the country. tions, declares for publicity of the affairs railway employes and families. and management of great corporations, deand naturalisation laws, favors a liberal cerned, go out entirely. pension policy, and concludes:

We are opposed to the ownership of coal mines and the mining of coal by rallways or transportation companies and we piedge the party to the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary to make effective the legislative provision upon that subject. Edwin S. Stuart, former mayor of Philadelphia, was nominated for governor. But one ballot was taken. The platform was adopted as presented by the committee. Robert S. Murphy was chosen for lieutenant governor. He was the only candidate.

### SOME PEOPLE DESIRE WAR of Omaha, who started the movement to today, thus severing the ties with the Mining Man from Mexico Fears Greater Trouble from Strike at Cananea.

the Arcona Mining and Development com-Americans at Cananea.

"What I did say was that there are a Eyck of Omaha, adviser; S. D. Woodley of anxious to see trouble between the two government took the matter immediately supreme court next October. In hand there would be war. But I know

#### **BURLINGTON EXTENSION READY** Those in charge of the initiation declared Line Into Shoshone Reservation Will Be Opened to Traffic in

CHICAGO. June 6.-Announcement was made today by the officials of the Chicago. Burlington & Quincy railway that their Shoshone extension will be completed and will be the guests. A number of the prom- ready for traffic in time for the opening of the Shoshone reservation to seitlement the government, in July and August This extension of the Burlington road WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6-Justice leaves the Burlington main line at Toluca, Gould today granted the motion of District Mont., near Custer buttlefield, and runs Attorney Baker for a postponement of the dow nthrough the heart of the Big Horn trial of Congressman Binger Hermann of basin. The present terminus of this branch Oregon, indicted for destroying public rec- is as Worland, Wyo., one of the points of ords while commissioner of the general of- registration. Another registration point is nce, set for June 18 until after the trial Thermopolis. Wyo., which is connected with of the Hyde, Dimond. Benson cases. Mr. Worland by a thirty-mile stage road. Lan-NEW YORK, June 6.—William Hoge, who has charge of the reception to be tendered to William J. Bryan upon his arrival here from Europe, announced today the appointment of Governor Folk of Missouri as chairman of the reception commission. ways -

Nebraska Congressmen Doubtful of Effect on Western Interests.

Says Amendment Prohibiting All Passes Will Stay in the Bill or the Entire Provision Will

Be Eliminated.

SHERMAN STANDS PAT ON PASS PROVISION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6 - (Special Telegram.)-Thomas E. Wilson, manager of Nelson Morris & Co., packers, of Chicago, appeared before the house committee on agriculture today in the interest not only of his own firm, but as a representative ex-Governor Vansant of Minnesota. This of all the large packing houses of the west. Mr. Wilson devoted much of the day in making an answer to the now famous report of Mesers. Neill and Reynolds. Later he took up the Beveridge amendment and was upon that subject when the committee adjourned until tomorrow. At that time Mr. Wilson will conclude his analysis of the Beveridge amendment, and it is expected will be followed by Charles P. Neill, chief of the Bureau of Labor, who, with Mr. Reynolds, reported on packing house conditions. Representative Kennedy was present during the entire hearing today, while other members of the Nebraska dele- hurt. The hurricane centered apparently gation dropped in from time to time. The committee room was insufferably crowded Vernon county. It passed up Coon valley

dressing the committee. After adjournment Mr. Kennedy said that tion is crippled and telegraph wires are he was in favor of a thorough inspection down toward the south. law made thoroughly effective, the only question with him being as to the details age, thought none was injured. and who should bear the cost of inspection. Washouts are reported on the It is his belief that if the inspection is in this vicinity. placed on the basis proposed by the Beyeridge amendment the amount of the Wis. will really fall on the stock raisers of the west. In other words Quincy railroad near Stoddard was carried east and cast on the western country. and many lives were saved. which produces the livestock. This feeling is freely expressed to Mr. Kennedy in let- pietely devastated. ters and telegrams, which he received tosouri valley.

Appeal to Secretary Wilson. agriculture and the bureau of animal in- Benjamin Lagoo were badly injured. be done immediately to protect American hurt. live stock interests, which will suffer seup the matter with Secretary Wilson this Lutheran church and a number of other morning.

Union Protest Received. The members of the Nebraska delegation a federal labor union of Omaha and en-dorsed and forwarded by Central Labor life has been reported. union of that city, protesting against fedstead of Dolphin county was chosen tem- eral employes engaging in outside busi- MILITIA IN FULL CONTROL porary chairman. The stated candidates ness. The resolutions state that proofs some of the No Purther Disorder Feared in the are available to show that federal employes in Omaha are engaging are paid by the government and to the detriment of private citizens. These resolutions have also been forwarded to the president and attornoy general.

Stands Pat on Passes. The anti-pass amendment in the railway The platform adopted congratulates the rate bill continues to give members a Officials of the United Mine Workers have world of trouble on account of the recondemns heads of industrial corporations quests they are receiving from railway who have gained wealth by violating laws associations and individual employes pro- order that operators may induce the oldof the land and business ethics, approves testing against the exclusion of railway the admilistration of President Reosevelt employes and families from receiving ready for resuming operations. Unless the and his enforcement of the anti-trust and passes. Mr. Kennedy had an interview interstate commerce laws, takes pride in with Mr. Sherman, one of the house conthe fact that the present junior senator ferces o nthe railroad rate bill, and urged from Pennsylvania inaugurated the prosecu- that an exception be made in behalf of "No," replied Mr. Sherman, "the anti-

clares for the continuance of the protective pass amendment will stand as agreed upon preparatory to resuming operations. Union tariff system, the revision of immigration by the conferees, or, so far as I am con-Schiller Bust Comes Free. The Treasury department has advised

Senator Millard that an order will issue admitting free of duty a bronze cast of a bust of Frederick von Schiller, which next week. The strikers feel confident kitchen." is to be given to the city of Omaha by that, regardless of the result of the joint German-American residents, to be erected in Riverview park. This bust was purchased through popular subscription raised among the German-American citizens of their holdings non-union Omaha. The official announcement of the decision to admit the bust duty free was thirds vote striking miners of the Hitchtoday sent to Phillip Anders, secretary of man Coal company at McMechen last night the committee of United German societies decided to apply for work at the mines present the bronze memorial of Schiller miners organization on the ground that

Capital National Bank Case. J. J. Thomas of Seward, of counsel for defendants in error in several cases grow-OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl., June 6 .- E. F. ing out of the failure of the Capitol Na-Sparrow, superintendent of the mines of tional bank of Lincoln, was in conference with the clerk of the supreme court today pany, who has just returned from Naco, regarding the printing of briefs in several Aris., today denied the truth of a news- cases. The suits in question were against paper interview credited to him, in which directors of the defunct bank and the he was asserted to have predicted war be- courts of Nebraska held them personally tween the United States and Mexico over responsible for certain losses and now they the troubles between the Mexicans and seek an appeal to the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Thomas' business To the Associated Press Mr. Sparrow here today merely consisted in arranging with the clerk of the court for the printing of evidence taken at former trials. Hon, number of Americans on this side of the D. E. Thompson, at present ambassador Burgess of Hastings, consul; W. B. Ten border and adjacent to the Cananea mine to Mexico, is one of the defendant directors. The probabilities are that the Nebraska countries, to secure a settlement of labor bank cases, as they are known, will be difficulties, and that unless the Mexican reached early in the coming term of the

Amending Desert Land Law. Representative Mondell of Wyoming today introduced a bill restricting the right of entry under the desert land law to surveyed public lands and limiting the right of assignment of such entries. The and shown proper disposition to reclaim the pretation of the existing law, so that error. hereafter only surveyed lands may be en-Minor Matters at Capital.

Representative Kennedy was today notified that Peter N. Nelson of Omaha had been allowed a pension of \$6 from August 12, 1899, to March 20, 1996, disability now having ceased; also that George W. McCoy of Omaha has been allowed an additional pension of \$8 from March 26, 1906. Representative Hinshaw has been the following: Samuel C. Thomas, Fair-Odell, renewal and increase at \$14.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska, Johns-

coll. vice A. Rosander, resigned.

#### **NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST** Cooler and Generally Fair Thursday Friday Fair and Warmer in West

Portion. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Deg. Hour. Hour. 8 n. m..... 1 p. m..... 88 n. m ..... TR 5 p. m...... 7 m. m. . . . . . 8 a. m ..... T8 5 p. m..... 6 p. m.... P a. m ..... 80

7 p. m..... 8 p. m....

#### 9 p. m ..... 77 IN WISCONSI WINDSTORM Seven Persons Seriously Injured and Several Houses Destroyed

10 a. m ..... 83

12 m..... 86

11 m. m. .....

Near Stoddard. LA CROSSE, Wis., June 4.- The Storm wrich swept over La Crosse tonight seriously injured seven persons near Stoddard, Wis, and demaged ten buildings. Halvor Halvorson, injured by flying timbers, is fatally hurt, but is not yet dead.

With five other injured people he was brought to La Crosse. The other injured are: Mrs. Charles Scheck, hip broken. Carl Scheck, crushed by timber. William Jones, concussion of brain. Mrs. Louis Scheck and infant child, may

Julius Granke, internal injuries. Several others are more or less seriously one and one-half miles east of Stoddard. during the entire time Mr. Wilson was ad- and Mormon coulee, striking Stoddard and Brinkman most heavily. Telephone connec-

> In La Crosse there was considerable dam-Washouts are reported on the railroads

A windstorm also did damage at Leon, A bridge on the Chicago, Burlington &

if it is placed on the packers out and a Burlington passenger train, carthe burden of inspection of all meats and rying 200 passengers, was flagged at the food products will be lifted away from the brink of the gap by a farmer named Miller Many farms are reported to be com-

ST. PAUL, Minn., June &-A Pioneer day from cattlemen throughout the Mis- Press special from North Branch, Minn says: A tornado passed about one-half mile east of here at 5 o'clock this after-In connection with this matter Mr. Ken- noon, doing heavy damage and probably nedy received a telegram today from the a number of lives were lost. The storm First National bank of Omaha, in which is known to have destroyed at least three he was urged to have the secretary of farm houses near here. Mrs. Mygran and

dustry make an announcement that the The village of Wyoming was also in the inspection made by the government is path of the storm. The home of Mr. thorough, and covers both domestic and Funk at that place was completely deforeign meats, and that something should stroyed and some members of the family

At the village of Stacy, eight miles verely by the agitation unless some such south of here, Mrs. Baxter and a child action is taken. Mr. Kennedy will take were severely injured and the Swedish buildings were destroyed. KANSAS CITY, June 6 -- Western Kansas

was visited this afternoon and tonight by are in receipt of resolutions adopted by violent storms, taking the form of tor-

Plum Run District in

Ohio.

DILLONVALE, O., June 6.-The militia is in full control of the mining district around Bradley, Smithfield, Plum Run and Dillonvale, and no trouble is looked for. issued instructions to all locals to refuse to accept the scale of 1903, temporarily, in employes to clean up the mines and get 1903 scale is signed by the operators none of the union men will return to work. Forty strike-breakers were taken from Plum Run to Bradley this evening, under protection of the troops, and they will be

sent into the mines tomorrow to clean up officials say that it will require at least eight days to pump out the water and put the mines in condition for working them. Superintendent Stiff of the Bradley mine said today that no attempt to resume operations will be made until the middle of conference of miners and operators at Columbus, the United States Coal company will employ its last resources to operate

WHEELING, W. Va., June 6.-By a twothe latter has not lived up to its contract respecting payment of wage benefits. An independent miners' organization will be formed, national in its scope. Two hundred diggers are employed at the Hitchman

#### DENVER FRAUD CASES GO UP Supreme Court Will Be Asked to Pass on Appeal of Defendants.

DENVER, June 6 .- Judge John I. Mullins in the district court today entered formal orders for the calling of the grand jury to investigate the alleged frauds in the elections of May 15, for the setting aside of District Attorney George Stidge: and the appointment of a special prosecutor. This action was taken on petition of that the only other suggestion made in the Honest Elections league. The court the Neill-Reynolds report to which the postponed further proceedings for five packers would have any objection is the

days. man of the republican city and county that would serve no purpose except to incentral committee, and William T. Da- jure the canned meat business. voren, chairman of the democratic city and ally a buyer will choose the article with county central committee, \$200 each, and the freshest appearing label," said Mr. bill as drawn will not affect, however. J. F. Brady, chief clerk of the Denver Gas Wilson. "when as a matter of fact the those who have entered unsurveyed lands and Electric company, \$50 for contempt of canned meat does not deteriorate with court. The attorneys for the defendants age." same. It provides for the future inter- will ask the supreme court for a writ of

#### DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN OHIO Herbert Ostrander of St. Louis Kills Cousin's Widow and Himself at Findley.

FINDLAY, O., June 6.-Herbert Os rander of St. Louis, Mo., shet and killed ad- Mrs. Anna McKee and then killed himself vised that pensions have been granted to here this afternoon. The tragedy occurred at the McKee home shortly after Ostrander mont, increase at \$14; William A. Ellis, demanded \$10 of Mrs. McKee. Ostrander was a cousin of Mrs. McKee's husband, who died more than a year ago. town, Brown county. Margaret L. Bee- said he wanted her to deed property to bout, vice F. C. Gallogaly, resigned. South him and return to St. Louis with him, tically means that the case will go over ter, are reached by the Northwestern rail- Dakots. Vale, Butte county, Maggie Dels- which Mrs. McKee refused to do. Mrs. Mulico leaves two come and a daughter,

House Committee on Agriculture to Inspect Chicago Packing Houses.

WILSON DENIES ALL CHARGES

Attorney for Nelson Morris & Co. Makes an Extended Statement to Committee.

ALLEGES MANY CHARGES ARE ABSURD

Freshening Up Canned Meats by Boiling, He Says, is Impossible.

FLOORS ARE SCRUBBED EVERY NIGHT

Sanitary Conditions, He Insists, Are as Good as Can Be Obtained in Slaughter Bounes.

WASHINGTON, June 6.-The house committee on agriculture decided today to comply with the request of the ..... was packers to be heard on the Neill-Reynolds report regarding conditions in the Chicago packing houses. The request was made by Thomas Wilson, who said he was manager of the Nelson Morris company, but in this instance was authorized to speak for all the Chicago packers. Before hearing Mr. Wilson the committee notified the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Neill, Secretary Wilson, Dr. A. D. Melvin, of the department, and Mr. Neill at once came to the capitol, and the hearing began shortly

before noon. Mr. Wilson made a general denial of the existence of conditions in the packing houses as set forth in the Nelli-Reynolds. report. He began by inviting the committee to come to Chicago and spend a week in personal investigation of conditions. That, he said, would be the only way for members to gain a proper idea of what the conditions really were. Some of the suggestions made in the report he said had already been complied with by the packers, such as additional sanitary facilities.

### As to Canned Meats.

As to the charge that canned means were bolled in water to "freshen them up," Mr. Wilson said there was absolutely nothing nthis. Canned meat, he said, was as good five years after it had been put up as it was a few minutes afterward, providing no air had got to it. If air reaches the meat it would be spoiled beyond being freshened up. What the cans were put in hot water for was to soak off the old label, which, he said, was an injury to the appearance of the goods on sale. He denied absolutely that there were any diseased cattle or hogs butchered for food. In every carload of cattle or hogs, he said. some were likely to be dead and some diseased. The dead or diseased hogs and cattle were sent to the Standard Rendering company, which was a very different institution from the Standard Slaughtering company, although the two were likely to be confused in the mind. The rendering company turned; the dead and diseased meat into grease, which was a co-product

in the manufacture of soap. Accounts for Strings. Mr. Wilson described in detail the operation of preparing canned ments and when asked by Representative Scott of Kansas, member of the committee: 'How about the rope and other foreign matter found with the scraps on the 'floor?" Mr. Wilson explained that what was probably seen in this instance was the etring on the knuckle end of what had been dried beef. This string was used with which to hang the beef in the smoke house and when the beaf had been sliced off this knuckle end was left. There was a bone in it and he said it was impossible to use it. The

hone would smash the machine if an attempt was made to use it. "I do not believe Mr. Neill got any statement from anyone that they were going to chop these pieces up. If he did it was someone who did not know or he did not get the whole statement."

dirty floors. "These floors," replied Mr. Wilson, "are scrubbed every night as clean as wood can be scrubbed. They are as clean as any

Representative Haskins asked about the

Object to Official Control. Taking up the recommendations Messrs. Neill and Reynolds, looking to the improvement of conditions, Mr. Wilson said the packers did not object to government regulation of sanitary conditions, but they did object to the secretary of agriculture being made the judge of what is san-

itary. Why, he might call in outside talent which was inexperienced as to packing houses and the business of slaughtering. just as has been done 'recently," continued Mr. Wilson. 'Certainly we should object to that. There are experts on the question of sanitation, and we have no objection to the closest scrutiny from

Supervision of every branch of the packing business was not objected to by the packers, said Mr. Wilson. The government may put on as many inspectors as it desires, so long as the packers do not have to pay for them. He said the packing business would be benefited by the in spection of the different branches "from the hoof to the can," Good inspection is what the packers want, he declared.

Objects to Dating Cana. In addition to the question of who shall be the judge of sanitation Mr. Wilson said requirement that the date of canning be Judge Mullins fined Fred Williams, chair- placed on all canned articles. He said

> In speaking of the return of goods he said that consignments are sometimes sent back to the shippers because a nail had been driven through a can in fastening up a box. This, he said, would cause that can to spoil, and the consignes would imagine that the whole shipment had spotled. Then, it is possible in rare instances for air to have gotten into the can and caused it to swell. He described such cans as "swellers." but said there is no danger of these ever being eaten, and added with a laugh, "not the slightest." No one asked

"Would it be possible to put in cane neat which has begun to putrify?" maked Not unless the most were accompanied

by chamicals such as it would be suicide to ear," replied Mr. Wilson. He declared

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